

focus on sunday

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th October 2021

World Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is the day we support in prayer, and in other ways (a letter, financial contribution, a visit to a missionary's family), men and women who have given their lives, for a few years or more, in the service of faith and of justice all over the world.



A Jesuit friend of mine died recently after spending over 60 years in Hong Kong. Like many missionaries he was inspired by his love of God to go out and share the love of God. In their adopted countries many found poverty and lack of access to education and healthcare – their mission changed from being purely spiritual to a living ministry based on helping with the day to day needs of their communities. They worked not alone in the spiritual but in education and health care. Thousands are educated each year in Christian schools and thousands healed in Christian health centres.

We remember them this weekend: their commitment and love enrich our lives. We must remember that many in fact suffer still for their faith.

Many of our parishes have small communities of returned missionaries. They often find it very hard to settle back. Often, they are forced to return due to failing health. They have something good to offer from another Church, but they find it very hard to settle back as they have given so much of their lives to their 'adopted' country.

They live out the real meaning of the call, like Mary and the apostles, to be 'missionary disciples', and a reminder and encouragement to us all in living out our mission in our locality and families.

Maybe for our missionaries today, we might make a phone call, send a text or email to let them know we think of them and remind them of our gratitude to them.

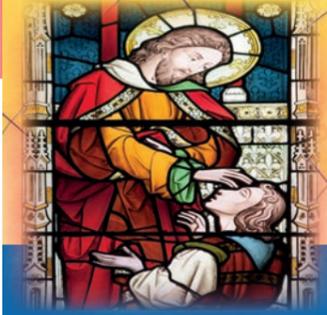
Lord, we pray this day for our missionaries; we thank you for them. Give them good health and may they know our thanks to them.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Pope John 23rd was a fun Pope. He liked to ask the children 'Why did God make us'? The children said 'God made us to know, love and serve Him in this life and be happy for ever in Heaven. Then The Pope said 'No ...there is something important that you forgot to put in... "and tell others the Love Story of Jesus." That is what the word "MISSION" means. Our parents are the first mission people. They not only tell us about God's love, but they show us how to love and care.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters,.....
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
 May the offerings and prayers of your Church, O Lord, rise up in the sight of your majesty and gain acceptance, just as the glorious Passion of your Son was pleasing to you for the salvation of the whole world. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
 The Lord be with you.
 And with your spirit.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

SANCTUS
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION
The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION
 Behold the Lamb of God,
 Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
O Praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim him, all you peoples! For his merciful love has prevailed over us, and the Lord's faithfulness endures forever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 May our participation at your table sanctify us, O Lord, we pray, and grant that through the Sacrament of your Church all nations may receive in rejoicing the salvation accomplished on the Cross by your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE
 The Lord be with you.
 And with your spirit.
 Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 125

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **[R]**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **[R]**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **[R]**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **[R]**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples, for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, you have willed that your Church be the sacrament of salvation for all nations, so that Christ's saving work may continue to the ends of the ages; stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful and grant that they may feel a more urgent call to work for the salvation of every creature, so that from all the peoples on earth one family and one people of your own may arise and increase. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.
 The Lord says this:
 Shout with joy for Jacob!
 Hail the chief of nations!
 Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!'
 See, I will bring them back